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Narumi Hasegaki presents

Springtime
in Ninja-land





**WHAT
WAS
THAT?**

**A
SIGN
OF OUR
LOVE.**

**LET'S
GET
MARRIED
WHEN WE
GROW
UP.**

**THAT
WAS
THE
FIRST
TIME
...**

**I MADE
A
PROMISE
WITH
ANYONE.**

X NINJA LOVE



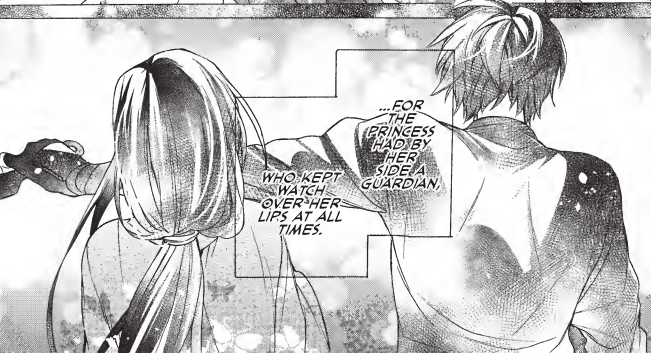


ONCE UPON A
TIME, THERE
WAS A LORD
WHO WANTED
TO HAVE HIS
DAUGHTER
MARRY A
POWERFUL
MAN. FEELING
PLAYFUL, HE
DECLARED,

"WHOSOEVER
CAN STEAL
A KISS
FROM THE
PRINCESS
SHALL
HAVE HER
HAND IN
MARRIAGE."

HOWEVER,
THE TASK
WAS NOT
AS EASY
AS THEY
EXPECTED...

SEEKING
TO STEAL A
KISS, MEN
FROM ALL
OVER THE
LAND MADE
THEIR WAY
TOWARD
THE
PRINCESS.



...FOR
THE
PRINCESS
HAD, BY
HER
SIDE, A
GUARDIAN.

WHO KEPT
WATCH
OVER HER
LIPS AT ALL
TIMES.



I WANT
A LOVELY
MEMORY
LIKE
THIS ONE!

I'M
SICK
OF
LIVING
LIKE
THIS!

GOD!
ENOUGH
ALREADY!

FLIP

MY NAME
IS BENIO
KASUGAMI.
I'M 15
YEARS
OLD.

IT'S
THAT...

IF THERE'S
ONE THING
THAT'S
BEEN
DRILLED
INTO ME
EVER
SINCE
I WAS A
CHILD...

WE'RE
THE
RICHEST
PEOPLE
IN JAPAN.

THE
KASUGAMI
FAMILY
LINE GOES
ALL THE
WAY BACK
TO THE
MUROMACHI
PERIOD.

SINCE
YOUR
PARENTS
HAVE PASSED
AWAY, YOU
ARE THE ONLY
ONE WHO CAN
CARRY ON THE
KASUGAMI
FAMILY
LINE.

I WANT
TO GO
TO
SCHOOL!
I WANT
FRIENDS!
I WANT
A PROPER
JOY-T-H!

I HAVEN'T
BEEN
OUTSIDE
A SINGLE
TIME SINCE
THE DAY
I WAS
BORN!

...I WON'T
BE
ALLOWED
TO SEE THE
OUTSIDE
WORLD
UNTIL I'M
20.

There's
nothing
I can do
about it,
My Lady.

THAT'S
RIGHT!

UNCLE!

I WOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO
SLEEP IF
WE LET YOU
OUT OF THE
HOUSE.

HE'S
RIGHT.

My Lady,
your
lessons...

DOOOOOOH

IF YOU WENT
OUTSIDE,
EVERY MAN
AND BOY
IN JAPAN
WOULD BE
TRYING TO
KISS YOU.

They're
kusharung!



IT'S A
TRADITION
THAT
DATES
FURTHER
BACK THAN
ANYONE
CAN
REMEMBER.

THE HEIRESS
OF THE
KASUGAMI
FAMILY MUST
MARRY THE
MAN WHO
STEALS A
KISS FROM
HER.



OH, I'LL
FINALLY
BE ABLE...

...TO
HAVE A
FRIEND!

WE CAN
WATCH TV
AND TALK
ABOUT
MANGA
AND...

WELL,
AFTER
ALL YOUR
BEGGING, I'VE
FINALLY BROUGHT
YOU YOUR VERY
OWN FRIEND!

REALLY?!

I WANT
TO GO
OUTSIDE,
MAKE
FRIENDS,
TO SEE
THE SUN
SET.

NO ONE
CARES
ABOUT
THAT
TRADITION
ANY MORE!

HE
HE
...





FROM NOW
ON, I'LL BE
YOUR FRIEND.
PLEASED TO
MEET YOU,
M'LADY.

I'M
TAMAKI
KAGESHITA.



NOT SOME
DUMB
PLAYER!

I WANTED
A GIRL
FRIEND!

UNCLE,
WHAT
WERE YOU
THINKING?!



NOW
NOW.
WHY
DO YOU
LEAVE
GIVES
A TRY
SINCE
BROUGHT
HIM ALL
THE WAY
HERE?

I DON'T
WANT
TO HANG
OUT WITH
SOMEBODY
WHO SAYS
THINGS
LIKE
THAT!

I mean,
I DIDN'T
REALLY
FEEL LIKE
IT, BUT THE
PAY WAS
JUST SO
GOOD.

I ASKED,
AND HE
SAID HE'D
DO IT.





SENSEI,
I THINK
THIS FLOWER
WOULD BE
HAPPIEST
ARRANGED
WITH YOU.

THERE
HE
GOES
AGAIN!



WHY
ARE
YOU
EVEN
HERE?

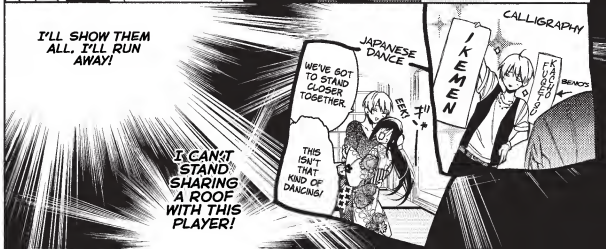


FLOWER
ARRANGING

JUST IGNORE
THAT PLAYER!
CONCENTRATE,
CONCENTRATE...



AWW, ARE
YOU JEALOUS,
BENIO? THAT'S
SO CUTE.



I'LL SHOW THEM
ALL. I'LL RUN
AWAY!

I CAN'T
STAND
SHARING
A ROOF
WITH THIS
PLAYER!

WE'VE GOT
TO STAND
CLOSER
TOGETHER.

JAPANESE
DANCE

EH?

IKEMEN

CALLIGRAPHY

BENIO



BEFORE
YOU IS
ROASTED
EGGPLANT.

TODAY'S
MEAL WILL
BE AUTUMN
SEA BREAM
STIR-FRIED
WITH
TURNIPS.

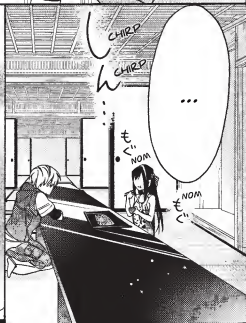
I'M
EATING.
COULD YOU
PLEASE BE
QUIET?

WOW,
BENIO!
DO YOU EAT
THIS WELL
EVERY DAY?



I GUESS
SO.

I MEAN,
MY UNCLE
IS ALWAYS
BUSY. I JUST
DON'T REALLY
EAT WITH
ANYONE.



SEEMS
LONELY.

HEY, SO,
DO YOU
ALWAYS
EAT ALONE
IN HERE?



**HOW RUDE!
I'VE HAD FRIENDS!**

BOO オ
HOO ヨ
HOO ヨ
...

**YOU REALLY
DON'T HAVE
A SINGLE
FRIEND...**

COME ON,

**DON'T BE SUCH
A WIMP.**

THUD

**HE WAS A BIT
OF A CRY-BABY,
BUT HE WAS
KIND.**

**I ALWAYS HAD
FUN WITH HIM.**



**TEN YEARS
AGO...**

**...THERE WAS A BOY
WHO ALWAYS CAME
OVER TO PLAY.**

**BENIO,
WAIT
UP!**

**HE WAS MY
FIRST FRIEND.**



**I'VE
BEEN
ALONE
EVER
SINCE.**

**I CAN'T
REMEMBER
HIS NAME,
AND, EVEN IF
I WANTED TO
LOOK FOR HIM,
IT'S NOT LIKE
I CAN GO
OUTSIDE.**

**BUT ONE
DAY, HE JUST
DISAPPEARED.**





YAMAGUCHI-SAN...

YOUR LUNCH IS READY.

BENIO-SAMA,

HMM ...



GRAB

BENIO, LET'S EAT OVER HERE TODAY!

UP HERE ...

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL?

COME ON! BENIO, BE QUIET. IF WE GET CAUGHT, THEY'LL BE REALLY MAD AT ME.

HUH?



WHAT?

OKAY,
NOW, SAY
"AHH".

WE'RE
EATING
HERE?

IT'S MY
SPECIAL
HOME-
MADE
ONIGIRI.

IT'S
SORT
OF LIKE
A FIELD
TRIP!



NOW
も

...



I'M NOT
GOING
TO...

JUST
EAT
IT!



WHOA.

THIS IS
BEAUTI-
FUL.



THIS
IS
DELICIOUS.

IT'S
BEEN SO
LONG SINCE
I SHARED A
MEAL WITH
SOMEONE

...



TA-
DAAA!

HERE
YOU
GO.

WHAT
IS
THIS
...?



I NEVER
KNEW THERE
WAS A SPOT
LIKE THIS
AROUND
HERE.

RUSTLE



GUH

AND
UP I
GO!

TWINKLE



I WANT
TO FALL IN LOVE.

...BUT
I WANT
TO GO TO
STORES
AND RES-
TAURANTS
WITH MY
FRIENDS.

I KNOW...
IT'S
PROBABLY
HARDER
THAN I
EXPECT...

I'VE
ALWAYS
WONDERED
WHAT IT WOULD
BE LIKE TO
SPEND EVERY
DAY WITH
SOMEONE.

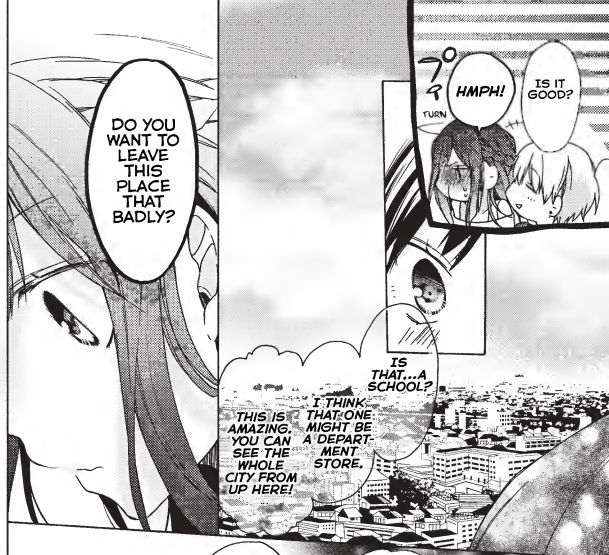
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EATING
WITH YOU
AND DOING
STUFF LIKE
THIS...

THAT'S
WHY...
I MEAN
...



...HAS
BEEN
SORT
OF...
FUN.



DO YOU
WANT TO
LEAVE
THIS
PLACE
THAT
BADLY?

70
9
TURN

HMPH!

IS IT
GOOD?

IS
THAT...A
SCHOOL?

I THINK
THAT ONE
MIGHT BE
A DEPART-
MENT
STORE.
THIS IS
AMAZING.
YOU CAN
SEE THE
WHOLE
CITY FROM
UP HERE!



...

There's
heart-
break,
fighting,
and
worse.

A NORMAL
LIFE ISN'T
JUST
RAINBOWS
AND
SUNSHINE,
YOU KNOW.

YOU
CAN HAVE
ANYTHING
YOU WANT,
RIGHT
HERE.

DON'T
YOU THINK
THIS IS A
LUXURIOUS
LIFE YOU'RE
LEADING?



HAS
IT?

GLAD TO
HEAR IT.



BADUMP



LET'S
JUST
DITCH
THIS
PLACE!

HEY,
TAMAKI!!



WHAT
IS THIS
FEEL-
ING...?

MAYBE
HE AND I
COULD...







JUST
LEAVE IT
TO US!

YES,
MAAM!

TIE HIM
UP AND
THROW
HIM IN
THE
CELLAR!

HUH?

WHA?



NO
WAY,
BENIO!



SOB
...



YAMA-
GUCHI-
SAN...

BENIO-
SAMA,
ARE YOU
CRYING?

I KNEW
I WAS
ASKING
THE IMPOSSIBLE.

...BUT I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE HAD
HIM
ARRESTED.



I CAN'T
STAND TO
ALWAYS
JUST
WATCH YOU
SUFFER.
SO...

BENIO-
SAMA, I'M
ON YOUR
SIDE.



THAT'S
IT!

SECURITY! YOU'RE
FIRED!

WOW! I'M
REALLY
OUTSIDE!

TODAY,
LET'S DO
ALL THE
THINGS
YOU'VE
ALWAYS
WANTED
TO,
BENIO-
SAMA!

THIS IS
THE FIRST
TIME I'VE
LEFT THE
GROUNDS
IN MY
LIFE!

HUH?

...I KNOW
A SECRET
PATH YOU
CAN USE TO
ESCAPE.

SMIRK

SQUEEZE

I'VE
ALWAYS
WANTED
TO TRY THIS
STUFF!

ICE
CREAM!

CREPES!

POPCORN!

It's
so
good!

NO,
BENIO-
SAMA...

YAMA-
GUCHI-
SAN?

IT'S
GETTING
LATE,
THOUGH.
WE HAD
BETTER
HEAD
HOME.

TODAY
HAS BEEN
A DREAM
COME
TRUE!

Sigh...
I
BOUGHT
SO
MUCH!

It's so
soft
and
cute!

Let's
go here
next.

Then
we can...

...YOU
WON'T BE
GOING
BACK
TO THE
MANSION.

NGH

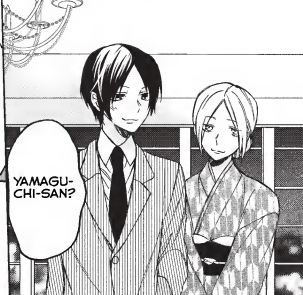
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...BENIO-
SAN?

ARE YOU
AWAKE...

GUH
...







I DON'T WANT MY FIRST KISS TO BE STOLEN FROM ME LIKE THIS!

SHUDDER



I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK.

A TRADITION OF 600 YEARS BEARS MORE WEIGHT THAN YOU KNOW.



THERE'S NO USE RESISTING. THIS IS THE TOP FLOOR OF THE 100-STORY YACHIYO TOWER.

LET ME GO!

THERE'S NO HOPE OF ANYONE COMING TO SAVE YOU.



THIS IS SO SCARY...

WHAT?

TAMAKI?!

REDICULOUS...
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!

WHAT?

TAMAKI?!

REDICULOUS...

THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!

WHAT?

TAMAKI?!

REDICULOUS...

THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!

WHAT?

TAMAKI?!

REDICULOUS...

THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!

WHAT THE HELL? A SNIPER?

A SHURIKEN?

BUT HOW COULD THEY... ALL THE WAY FROM...?

...THE BUILDING ACROSS THE STREET?

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A black and white manga-style illustration. At the top, the text "HELP ME!" is written in a bold, slanted font. Below it, a character in a suit is being crushed by a massive, multi-limbed mechanical monster. The monster's limbs are labeled "TING" and "CRASH" is written at the bottom. The character is screaming "HELP ME!" at the top. The monster's limbs are labeled "TING" and "CRASH" is written at the bottom.

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NO
MATTER.
DO YOU
REALLY
THINK
YOU CAN
TAKE DOWN
ALL OF MY
CIA-TRAINED
SECURITY
OFFICERS?

I DIDN'T
THINK
NINJAS
STILL
EXISTED.

THE
SANCTITY
OF THIS
PRINCESS'S
LIPS BEARS
MORE
WEIGHT TO
ME THAN
YOUR
LIVES.

YOU
SHOULD
GIVE UP
NOW.



TAMAKI!!

WHAT
HOPE
COULD
SOME
OUTDATED
NINJA HAVE
AGAINST
MODERN
TECHNOL-
OGY?

FIRE!



THESE
SHURIKEN...
COULD IT
BE TRUE?

THE
TRUTH
IS THAT
I WASN'T
HIRED
AS A
FRIEND,
BUT
AS A
GUARDIAN.



...OF
THOSE
WHO LURK
IN THE
SHADOWS
PROTECTING
THE
KASUGAMI
FAMILY.

I'VE
HEARD
RUMORS
...



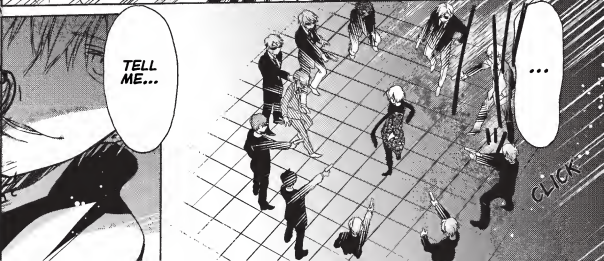
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IN THE
LINE OF
NINJAS
WHO HAVE
SERVED THE
KASUGAMI
FAMILY
FOR 600
YEARS.

I'M
TAMAKI
KAGE-
SHITA...



ARE YOU
TELLING
ME
TAMAKI'S...
A NINJA?

NINJA?



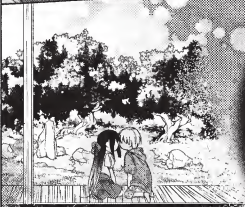




I'M
SORRY,
BENIO.

SQUEEZE

TAMAKI...?



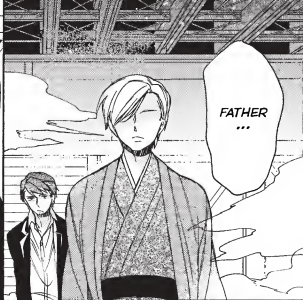
LET'S
GET
MARRIED.



BENIO!

EEP!

COME
HERE,
BENIO.



FATHER
...



NO
NEED.
I WAS
CARELESS,
TOO.

I
APOLOGIZE,
MY LORD.
MY SON
HAS ACTED
DISGRACE-
FULLY.



I WON'T
LET BENIO
GET OUT
AGAIN.

...I NEED
TO GET
STRONGER...

I'M
SORRY,
BENIO...

SQUEE



...SO
THAT
I CAN
PROTECT
YOU NEXT
TIME.



YOU'VE
DONE
WELL,
TAMAKI.





...
WELL SAID.



HEY, GIRL,
GOOD
MORNING!

NGH
...



WHAT THE
HELL? I DO
YOU A FAVOR
AND THIS
IS HOW YOU
REPAY ME?

WHA...?

OW!!

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING IN
MY ROOM?
GET OUT
OF HERE!

EEEK!



IT'S
HARD TO
BELIEVE...

BUT I
SHOULD
TELL YOU
THAT BENIO
DOESN'T
REMEMBER
THAT TIME.
IT WAS TOO
MUCH OF A
SHOCK.

YOU
PROBABLY
ALREADY
REALIZE
IT,

PLEASE,
LET BENIO
GO TO
SCHOOL.

THAT
JUST TEN
YEARS AGO
YOU WERE
THAT WHINY
LITTLE
BOY.



I WILL
PROTECT
HER...

WITH
MY LIFE.



THEY'RE
GOING TO
LET YOU
GO TO
SCHOOL.

SQUEEZE

OH, MY
GOD!
I CAN
FINALLY
GO TO
SCHOOL!
YAY!



HUH?
WHA-
WHAT'S
WITH
THIS?

THAT
WAS A
MISTAKE!

MEANIE!
YOU WERE
THE ONE
WHO
HUGGED
ME,
BENIO!

GASP

ボンッ

OW!

BONK

THERE
IS ONE
CONDITION.



HEH

REACH

YOU'RE
TO PROTECT
MY LIPS, NO
MATTER
WHAT!

I'LL BE
THE ONE
GIVING
ORDERS!

...MY
LADY.

I'LL
DO SO
WITHOUT
MERCY...

NINJA LOVE

HANA TO SHINOBI

Hello to those who already know me and to those who don't! I'm Narumi Hasegaki.

How did you like "Ninja Love"? This story was originally published as a one-off, but it was so popular that I now get to turn it into a series called *Hana to Shinobi!* (tears of joy)

Thankfully, this is the second time I'm having a series published (the first time I got to draw for Aito Aoyagi-sensei's SF mystery series *The Laboratory of Lilika Tonegawa*; all three volumes are on sale in Japan now), but this is the first time I'm doing a series on my own.

I was sunuuper nervous at first. My heart was racing.

Originally, this was going to be a one-off, and then it was only going to be four chapters, but thanks to everyone's encouragement, Benio and Tamaki's story is going to continue!

I hope everyone will continue to follow these two as they start to grow up faster than their author can handle!

Narumi Hasegaki, 2016

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- The editors at Nakayoshi
- My family
- My editor S-sama
- My friend A-chan

AND TO ALL THE
LOVELY READERS OF
HANA TO SHINOBI





LEAF 1

THE LADY AND THE NINJA'S CONTRACT





**IT'S MY
FIRST
DAY OF
SCHOOL!**

**HAVE A GOOD
DAY, MY LADY!**

**I'M THE
HEIRESS
OF THE
KASUGAMI
FAMILY.
WE'RE THE
RICHEST
FAMILY IN
JAPAN, AND
OUR LINE DATES
ALL THE WAY
BACK TO THE
MUROMACHI
PERIOD.**

**I'M BENIO
KASUGAMI.**



HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING TO SCHOOL WITH ME THAT MUCH?

IT'S BEEN A LONG 15 YEARS...

UNTIL NOW, I'VE BEEN CONFINED TO MY FAMILY'S PROPERTY MY WHOLE LIFE...



YOU'VE BEEN BURSTING WITH ENERGY SINCE THIS MORNING, HUH, BENIO?

I NEVER THOUGHT THE DAY WOULD COME WHEN I COULD GO TO SCHOOL.

チカラ

SIZZLE



That's the only way I'll let her go to school

GRAB

BUT WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO...

YOU KNOW THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT. IT WAS YOUR UNCLE'S DECISION.

WHY DO I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL WITH YOU?

THIS IS AS BAD AS I THOUGHT!

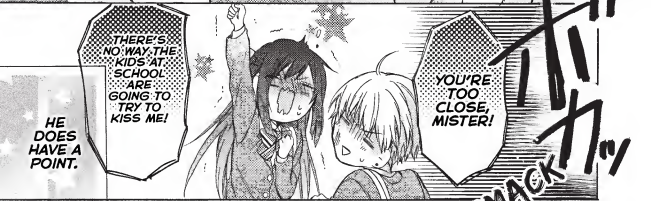
FEED UP

HE'S BEEN LIKE THIS ALL DAY...



OR
WOULD
YOU BE ALL
RIGHT WITH
HAVING TO
MARRY
SOME
RANDOM
GUY?

THERE'S
A LOT OF
PEOPLE
OUT THERE
LOOKING
TO STEAL
A KISS
FROM YOU,
REMEMBER?



THERE'S
NO WAY THE
KIDS AT
SCHOOL
ARE GOING TO
TRY TO
KISS ME!

HE
DOES
HAVE A
POINT.

YOU'RE
TOO
CLOSE,
MISTER!

SMACK

IT'S A TRADITION OF THE
KASUGAMI FAMILY THAT...

...WHOEVER CAN GET PAST THE
NINJA WHO GUARDS THE PRINCESS...

...AND STEAL A KISS FROM
HER WILL GET TO MARRY HER.

...BENIC.

THE ONE
WHO
GUARDS
MY LIPS
IS...

THERE'S
NO WAY THAT
CAN HAPPEN
THESE DAYS!

GUU

UHH

EET!

GRAB

...LAST
IN A LINE
OF NINJAS
WHO HAVE
SERVED MY
FAMILY FOR
GENERATIONS.

THIS
PLAYER,
TAMAKI
KAGESHITA...

EEEEK!



YOU DON'T WANT TO BE LATE ON YOUR FIRST DAY, DO YOU?

IT'S A SHORT-CUT.

WHAT-
WHAT ARE
YOU
TRY-
ING TO
PULL?

♪ HUP

WHAT?!

That sounds like a joke

I JUST
WANT
TO BE
A NORMAL
TEENAGER!

What's
this
route
we're
taking,
anyway?!



BOING

I DON'T
WANT
THEM TO
KNOW MY
STATUS,
EITHER!

WAIT,
TAMAKI,
DON'T LET
ANYONE AT
SCHOOL
FIND OUT
YOU'RE A
NINJA!

Umm...
WELL,
THEN,
LET ME
INTRODUCE
OUR NEW
STUDENTS.

WHOA

ハハハ
MURMUR

She's
hot...

I NEED
TO MAKE UP
FOR THE 15
YEARS OF
CHILDHOOD
I MISSED!

友情
恋愛
FRIENDSHIP
ROMANCE
イベント

SPECIAL EVENTS

"CHARMED
TO MAKE
OUR
ACQUAIN-
TANCE"?

I'M
BENIO
KASUGAMI.
I'M
CHARMED
TO MAKE
EVERYONE'S
ACQUAIN-
TANCE.

BOU-
リ

THESE
ARE THE
CLASS-
MATES
I'VE BEEN
LONGING
FOR!

SINCE
WE'RE
IN THE
SAME
CLASS,
WE'RE ALL
ALREADY
FRIENDS!

?!
TWITCH
GLINT

GLINT







KERTHUNK

BUT THAT
GIRL HAS
ALREADY
LEFT.

I DID
IT!

I get it
now. So
you put
money in!

YEAH,
SEEMS LIKE
PEOPLE ARE
REALLY INTO
THEIR CLUBS
AT THIS
SCHOOL.

CLUBS...

SHE
SAID
SHE HAD
A CLUB
MEET-
ING.

HUH?

OH
YEAH...

HAHA!

FRIEND

HEHEHE!

...

ANYWAY,
WE HAD
BETTER
GET
GOING,
TOO.

NO WAY,
YOU
KNOW IT
WON'T
BE.

IT'LL
BE FINE!

UH-
OH...

BENIO,
WE
CAN'T
DON'T
FORGET
ABOUT
YOUR
CURFEW.

I HAVE
TO JOIN
A CLUB.
I HAVE
TO!

I'VE
GOT
IT!

SIGH...

IT'S
NOT LIKE
THERE'S A
CLUB YOU
COULD JOIN
THIS LATE IN
THE TERM,
ANYWAY.

い友達
つぱい
てさる

LOTS OF
FRIENDS

青春

YOUTH

部活

CLUBS

HUH?

UH-
OH...

SOCCER CLUB

SEEKING
MANAGER!!

REQUIREMENTS

- * Not currently in any clubs
- * Available as late as 6 or 7
- * Likes soccer!

For those
wanting to
apply

If you're even a little
interested, come and
see us!

Please contact
Soccer club sponsor - Sato,
homeroom teacher of class 3-1
Soccer club chair - Hayate Satomi



I AM!

WHO'S THIS?
YOU DON'T
HAPPEN TO BE
LOOKING TO JOIN,
DO YOU?

WOW!
THIS
IS SO
COOL!

I'M THE
CLUB
CHAIR,
HAYATE
SATOMI.



HI
THERE!

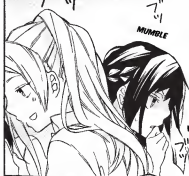
SPARKLE

SPARKLE

WE WERE
REALLY
DYING
FOR A
TEAM
MANAGER.
HEY, YOU
GUYS,
THIS
GIRL WANTS
TO BE THE
MANAGER.



BRUSH



MUMBLE

At this rate, I may have to resort to force.

MUMBLE

HE'S ALWAYS GETTING IN MY WAY. HOW DARE HE RUIN MY CHANCE LIKE THIS!

THAT DAMN PLAYER!



THAT WAS PREP-SAN JUST NOW!

!



WAIT...

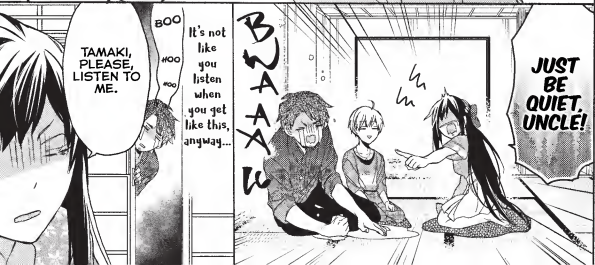
Since I missed my chance back in the classroom, and all...

TODAY I'LL GIVE HER THE JUICE I OWE HER, FOR SURE.

HERE IT IS!

WHAT?!







BUT
INSTEAD
YOU'RE
BEING
HELD BACK
BY THIS
OUTDATED
TRADITION.

THESE
ARE THE
BEST
YEARS OF
YOUR LIFE.
YOU MUST
WANT TO
BE OUT
HAVING
FUN,



I FEEL
LIKE I'M
DOING YOU A
DISSERVICE.



AND
WHATEVER
YOU SAY, MY
CONTRACT
STILL
ISN'T
UP.

YOU'RE
NOT MY
BOSS.
YOUR
UNCLE
IS,



AND
NOTHING
BAD HAS
HAPPENED,
SO I'M
FINE!

I'VE
BEEN AT-
TENDING
SCHOOL
FOR
SEVERAL
DAYS
NOW,

I RELEASE
YOU FROM
YOUR
CONTRACT!



SNAP



IT
PAYS
REALLY
WELL.

WHY DO
YOU WANT
THIS JOB
SO
BADLY?

...
SLAM

GOD,
I DON'T
WANT TO BE
PROTECTED
BY SOMEONE
WHO'S JUST
IN IT FOR
THE MONEY!

THIS
IS JUST
LIKE WHEN
I WASN'T
ALLOWED OFF
THE FAMILY
PROPERTY!

YOU
IDIOT!

FROM
NOW ON,
I'M DOING
THINGS
MY WAY!

CHAIRMAN!

I'M SO
HAPPY TO
HAVE YOU
JOIN US!

REALLY?

I'm
looking
forward
to being
part of
the
team.

I'M
FINALLY
JOINING
THE
CLUB!

GRABS

HAND

CLUB MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION

EVERYONE
EVEN HAS
THE SAME
MARKS ON
THEIR
FORE-
HEADS!

WOW,
YOU
ALL
MAKE
SUCH A
GREAT
TEAM!

WE'RE
ALL REALLY
HOPING TO
WIN THE NEXT
TOURNAMENT.



Yeah,
let's
do
this!



I WAS
A LITTLE
WORRIED
THAT I
HAD JUST
DRAGGED
YOU HERE.

NOT AT
ALL!



THIS IS
ALL JUST
SO FUN!



SO
WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?



OH,
YEAH?
GREAT!

I THINK
IT'LL
BE FUN
TO HAVE
YOU ON
THE TEAM,
KASUGA-
MI-SAN.

THIS
IS MY
FIRST
TIME
DOING
THIS
KIND OF
THING.

IT'S
JUST SO
GREAT TO
BE SHARING
AN ACTIVITY
WITH ALL
THESE
PEOPLE ON
SUCH A
BEAUTIFUL
DAY.



REALLY...

HUH?



WHAT?

I HEARD RUMORS THAT THE KASUGAMI GIRL HAD BEEN LET OUT OF HER CAGE.

CH-CHAIR-MAN...?!



?!



IF I CAN KISS YOU, YOU HAVE TO MARRY ME, RIGHT?



YOU'VE REALLY SAVED ME A LOT OF TROUBLE. I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D JUST COME RIGHT TO ME.



STEP
X
//
I
ALTHOUGH, I QUIT SOME TIME AGO. HARD TO IMAGINE A GUY LIKE ME AS A SERVANT, RIGHT?

I'M A NINJA FOR THE OBOROYA FAMILY OF THE WEST.

WAIT... WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

NO WAY!
SO THAT'S WHAT HE'S AFTER!



YOU CAN TELL THEY ARE MY PUPPETS BY THOSE MARKS ON THEIR FOREHEADS.

I CONTROL PEOPLE WITH MY ILLUSIONS.

WHAT'S WITH THE OTHERS?

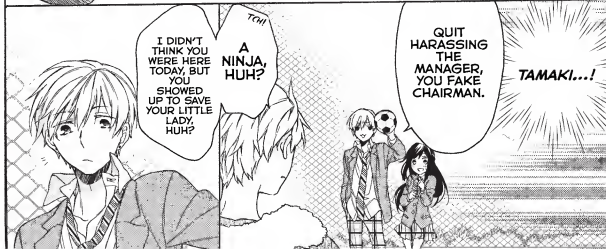


THIS IS BAD!

NOW, HERE'S AN ORDER FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN:

GET THAT GIRL!

I CAN'T GET AWAY FROM THEM ALL!



I DIDN'T
THINK YOU
WERE HERE
TODAY, BUT
YOU
SHOWED
UP TO SAVE
YOUR LITTLE
LADY,
HUH?

TCU!
A
NINJA,
HUH?

QUIT
HARASSING
THE
MANAGER,
YOU FAKE
CHAIRMAN.

TAMAKI...!

WHAT
THE?

?!
?

SHE SAID
SHE DIDN'T
WANT TO BE
PROTECTED
BY SOMEONE
WHO'S JUST
AFTER
MONEY,

OR
DID YOU
WANT ME TO
PROTECT
YOU,
AFTER
ALL?

NO,
NOT
REALLY.

I MEAN,
IF YOU ASK,
I CAN THINK
ABOUT IT...

YOU HAD
BETTER...

命令
THAT'S AN ORDER!

...PROTECT
ME!!



TAMAKI,
HE'S MIND
CONTROL-
LING THE
SOCCER
CLUB!

DON'T
HURT
THEM!

WILL DO,
MY LADY.

YOU
SURE
ARE
FUSSY!

PSH

PSH

PSH

PSH



LOOKS
LIKE WE'VE
GOT YOU
CORNERED.



WHAT
A FOOL
TO BE
PLAYING
NINJA IN
THIS DAY
AND AGE.

I CAN
HAVE
WHATEVER
I WANT
WITH THIS
POWER!



SMACK

Ha!

A
SINGLE,
PITIFUL
NINJA
IS ALL
YOU'VE
GOT?

OH,
HOW THE
KASUGA-
MIS HAVE
FALLEN!

TAMAKI!



THIS IS
ABSOLUTELY
UNFORGIV-
ABLE!

THESE
SOCCER
PLAYERS
DON'T HAVE
ANYTHING TO
DO WITH
THIS, BUT
YOU JUST
USE THEM
FOR YOUR
DIRTY
WORK!

YOU'RE
PATHETIC!

GUH
...

BENIO.





HERE.

WHAT A
FACE.

...

IF YOU
HADN'T
COME
TO THIS
SCHOOL,
THEY'D
STILL HAVE
THEIR
PEACEFUL,
LITTLE
LIVES.



NOW, I'LL
MAKE YOUR
GUARDIAN
MY PUPPET,
TOO.



WHAT
ARE
YOU ON
ABOUT?

DON'T
YOU
REALIZE
THIS IS
ALL YOUR
FAULT?



TMP



FWOO

FWOO



NO...

STOP
IT!



SLUMP

TAMAKI!!

STAND.

HOW
COULD
HE...

NOW,
YOU
ARE MY
PUPPET!

HUH...?

UNFOR-
TUNATELY
FOR
YOU...

STAGGER

HAHA!



...THERE'S
ONLY ONE
PERSON
I TAKE
ORDERS
FROM.



YOU
BROKE
MY
SPELL
BY
HURTING
YOURSELF?!



WHA
...





NOW,
YOU'LL
BE THE
PUPPET.

THIS IS
PAYBACK.

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>300

FWOO

FWOO

FWOO

?

NINPO

DREAMING PUPPET PLAY



I CAN'T...
MOVE MY
BODY!



YOU
WERE
RIGHT,
TAMAKI.

QUIVER

?!
QUIVER

OH,
MASTER,
ALLOW ME
TO TIE
MYSELF
UP

WHERE
DID I
GET THE
IDEA THAT
A WIMP
LIKE ME
COULD
KISS
BENIO-
SAMA?

SPIN

SPIN

OWWW!

SQUEE

I'M
SORRY...

THAT I
GOT YOU
HURT.

I MEAN,
YOU'D
HAVE
CRIED
IF I HURT
ANY OF THE
SOCCER
PLAYERS...





...AND
IT COMES
OUT OF MY
PAYCHECK
IF I MAKE
YOU CRY.



EVERYONE,
THANK
GOD
YOU'RE
ALL
RIGHT!

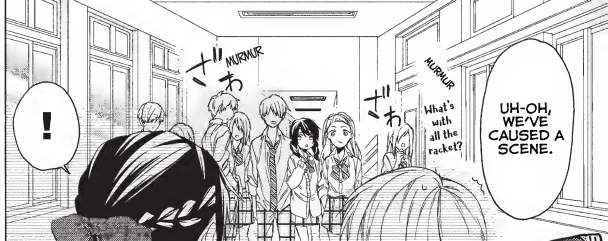
PHEW



SMACK
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SMACK

YOU
IDIOT!

HUH?
WHAT'S
GOING
ON...?







COME TO THINK OF IT, YOUR SELF-INTRODUCTION WAS KIND OF WEIRD, HUH?

IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW.

YEAH ...

IT'S REALLY YOUR FIRST TIME?



HUH?

Wow!
SO YOU'RE, LIKE SOME SHELTERED RICH GIRL?

THANKS FOR GETTING ME ANOTHER JUICE.

AND YOU'RE SO SERIOUS ABOUT THAT JUICE MORE THAN A WEEK LATER!

I MEAN, YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO SCHOOL OR EVEN USED A VENDING MACHINE BEFORE!

HEH
THIS IS JUST TOO MUCH!



OF
COURSE!

LET'S BE
FRIENDS!

AND I'M
MOMOE!

MY
NAME'S
RAN.

I'M
GLAD
THAT
WORKED
OUT.

You're
so loud.

B
Y
E
B
Y
E
!

Bye Bye!

SMIRK

I still
want to
join one,
though!

NOW: I
UNDERSTAND
THAT: BEING
YOUNG: ISN'T
JUST: ABOUT:
CLUBS!

IF YOU
SAY
SO.

OUR
CONTRACT
IS BACK
ON!

THANK
YOU,
TAMAKI!

TUG

TH-
THAT'S
NOT
WHAT I'M
SAYING!

YOU
SHOULD
WATCH
THAT
MOUTH
OF
YOURS!

YOU
REALLY
ARE
HELPLESS
WITHOUT
ME.

LEAF 2 ✕ THE LADY AND HER FIRST LOVE? (PART 1)



BUT,
ONE DAY,
HE JUST
DISAP-
PEARED.

LOOKING
BACK, I
MIGHT
SAY HE
WAS MY
FIRST
LOVE.

LONG
AGO, I
HAD A
FRIEND
WHO
WOULD
PLAY
WITH
ME.

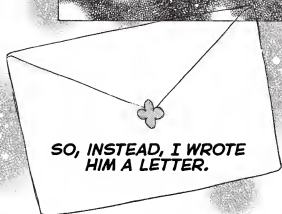
I WAS
SO SAD...

...THAT
I WOULD
JUST
SPEND
EVERY
DAY
CRYING.



I COULDN'T GO OUT AND LOOK FOR HIM...

...BUT I WAS SO LONELY.



SO, INSTEAD, I WROTE
HIM A LETTER.

I DIDN'T
KNOW HIS
ADDRESS,
SO I JUST
WROTE
HIS NAME
ON THE
ENVELOPE...

...AND
STUCK
IT IN MY
MAILBOX.

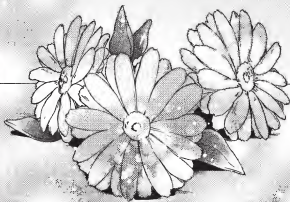


WHEN I CHECKED
THE MAIL THE
NEXT MORNING...



...THERE
WERE
THESE
BEAUTIFUL
FLOWERS
WAITING
FOR ME.

I FELT
LIKE
THAT
WAS
HIS
REPLY.



I JUST
HAVE TO
MEET HIM
AGAIN
SOMEDAY!

I can't imagine
what kind of
wonderful man
he's become...

WOW!
THAT'S SO
ROMANTIC!

RICH
GIRLS
GET TO
HAVE
THE BEST
MEMORIES,
HUH?

NOW, I'VE
PRESSED
THOSE
MARIGOLDS,
AND I CARRY
THEM
WITH ME
WHEREVER
I GO.

I'M BENIO
KASUGAMI.

RIGHT
NOW, I'M
TALKING
WITH MY
FRIENDS
ABOUT
THE MOST
GLORIOUS
LOVE I'VE
KNOWN.

PSH...



HE'S
A NINJA.
HE'S ALWAYS
PROTECTING
ME FROM
DANGER.

LATELY,
I'VE BEEN
STARTING
TO THINK
HE'S NOT
SO BAD...

ONE
OF YOUR
SERVANTS
PROBABLY
JUST SNUCK
THEM IN
THERE.

I MEAN,
YOU WERE
WAY TOO
YOUNG
TO FALL
IN LOVE.
HAHA!

BUT...

SOMETIMES
I JUST
CAN'T
STAND
HIM!

A PLAYER
LIKE YOU
WOULD
NEVER
UNDER-
STAND!



NO
WAY, IT
COULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
HIM.

THIS GUY
IS TAMAKI
KAGESHITA.

DO THEY MEAN...
THAT CULTURE
FAIR?!

I WONDER
WHAT
OUR
CLASS
WILL DO
THIS
YEAR?

Anyway,
I GUESS
THE
CULTURE
FAIR IS
COMING
UP, HUH?

I'm so
excited!

"CULTURE
FAIR"?

LIKE
THE
ONE I
ALWAYS
SEE IN
MANGA!

WOW,
THIS IS
AMAZING!

THE GOOD
CULTURE
OF OUR
FAIR!

Culture
Fair

WOW,
THIS IS
AMAZING!

THE GOOD
CULTURE
OF OUR
FAIR!

THE GOOD
CULTURE
OF OUR
FAIR!

EXCUSE
ME!

I WOULD
LIKE TO BE
ON THE
CULTURE
FAIR
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE!

SORRY,
BUT
IT'S
TOO
LATE.
THEY'VE
ALREADY
CHOSEN
THE
COMMITTEE.

DONG



NO! I'VE
ALWAYS
WANTED TO
BE ON THE
COMMIT-
TEE...

CLATTER

SORRY
I'M
LATE!



HE'S
NAOTO.

OH!
HE
WAS
OUT OF
SCHOOL
FOR A
WHILE, SO
I GUESS
YOU DON'T
KNOW HIM,
BENIO.

BUT WHO
IS HE?

THAT GUY MUST
BE ON THE
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE...

HEY,
DON'T GO
SHOWING
UP LATE ON
A DAY LIKE
THIS! WE'RE
CHOOSING
WHAT TO DO
FOR THE
CULTURE
FAIR.

I overslept
a little...

OUR
SEATS
ARE NEXT
TO EACH
OTHER...

I'M GLAD
HE SEEMS
NICE.

SMIRK

I'M
NAOTO
OSAKA. I
GUESS WE'LL
BE SITTING
NEXT TO
EACH OTHER.
PLEASD
TO MEET
YOU!

WE
HAVE A
TRANSFER
STUDENT,
HUH?

?!
SHUDDER

HEHEHE

I'LL
HAVE
TO MAKE
FRIENDS
WITH HIM
RIGHT
AWAY...

ARE
A MAID
CAFÉ OR A
HAUNTED
HOUSE.

IT
LOOKS
LIKE THE
MOST
POPULAR
CHOICES...

PUT ON A PLAY
HAUNTED
HOUSE
MAID
CAFÉ

**CHANNEL-
ING THE
DEAD?!**

UH...

IF WE
DO A
HAUNTED
HOUSE, I
COULD GET
IN TOUCH
WITH A
FAMOUS
MEDIUM...

**FANCY
MAIDS?!**

OH,
OH!

IF WE
DO A MAID
CAFÉ, I CAN
HAVE ALL MY
SERVANTS
COME
HELP US
OUT!



SOME
OTHER
CLASS WILL
PROBABLY DO
A HAUNTED
HOUSE,
TOO.

BUT
DIDN'T THIS
CLASS DO
A MAID CAFÉ
LAST YEAR?!

BE A
LITTLE
MORE
DISCREET,
WHY
DON'T
YOU?!

ALL
RIGHT,
LOOKS LIKE
IT'S TIME
FOR MY
HIDDEN
TALENT: MY
ONE-MAN
SHOW!

"DISCREET?"

MAID
CAFÉ

SIZZLE
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SOMETHING
A LITTLE
WEIRD WILL
GET MORE
ATTENTION,
RIGHT?

THAT
MIGHT BE
GOOD...

WHAT?

THAT'S
IT! WHY
DON'T
WE DO A
NINJA
CAFÉ?

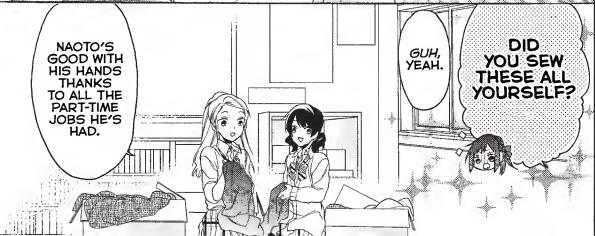
NINJA
CAFÉ

WHAT?!

TINK

TINK

TINK





Oh, yeah.
YOU SEE, BENIO IS...

LOTS OF PEOPLE HAVE PART-TIME JOBS...
THAT'S SO VERY MOVING!



I DON'T HAVE PARENTS, SO I JUST LIVE WITH THIS GUY WHO'S LIKE A BROTHER TO ME.

I WORK HARD FOR HIS SAKE...



HEY, I HAD A FRIEND!

SO PLEASE BE HER FRIEND, NAOTO...

Exactly.
SHE WASN'T ALLOWED OFF HER FAMILY'S PROPERTY AND DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS...

Whoa!!
SO YOU'RE RICH!

お よ よ よ ...
HOO HOO HOO HOO







DO YOU
WANT TO
GO OUT
WITH
ME?

HEY,
NAOTO!



YEAH,
ISN'T IT
PRETTY?

I DO
KNOW
FLOWERS
PRETTY
WELL.







BESIDES,
HOW ELSE
COULD HE
KNOW THE
NAME OF
SUCH A
RARE
FLOWER?

HE'S
GOT THAT
SAME LIGHT-
HEARTEDNESS
ABOUT HIM,
TOO!

HIS
SMILE
SEEMED
REALLY
FAMILIAR!



YOU
NEED TO
GET YOUR
HEAD OUT
OF THE
CLOUDS.

HE'S
PROBABLY
JUST HAD
A JOB AT A
FLORIST'S
OR
SOMETHING.

ANYONE
COULD TELL
YOU THAT
THERE'S NO
WAY SUCH
A HUGE
COINCIDENCE
COULD HAPPEN.

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:
MUMBLE
THIS
IS THE
PROBLEM
WITH
RICH
GIRLS.



WH-
WHAT
DID HE
JUST
SAY?

HE'S
BOSSING ME
AROUND!

GOT
IT? IF
ANYONE
ASKS, NONE
OF THIS EVER
HAPPENED.

WELL, I'LL
SHOW HIM!
I'LL PROVE
THAT NAOTO
WAS MY
FIRST
LOVE!

HE
HE
HE

BENIO
INVITED
US OVER.
THAT'S
WHY.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT!

IT'S SO BIG!

WHY
DO WE
HAVE TO
DO THIS
AT BENIO'S
HOUSE?

HERE'S
THE
PARLOR!

MAYBE
HE'LL
RECOG-
NIZE THE
HOUSE.

WOW!
IT'S
LIKE
AN OLD
FASH-
IONED
INN!

Well,
then,

COME
RIGHT
IN! I'LL
SHOW YOU
AROUND!

A-all right...

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AND
HERE'S
THE
YARD.

IT'S
HUGE!

WHERE
DOES
IT
END?





LET'S
PLAY...

THE
KING
GAME!



OH,
REALLY?

WHAT
ARE YOU
GIGGLING
ABOUT?

THIS
IS MY
CHANCE
TO MAKE
MAGIC HAPPEN.♥

...IS
SOMETHING
FRIENDS
'ALWAYS
'PLAY' AT
EACH
OTHER'S
HOUSES.

HEHE...
BENIO-
CHAN,
THIS
GAME...

"THE
KING
GAME"?



So
here are
the rules...

Number
One to push
Number Three
up against a
wall in a sexy
way!

OH!

I'M
THE
KING!

ME
AND
NAOTO?!

WHAT?

NUMBER
TWO,
KISS
NUMBER
THREE!

?!
!!

WHOA!
YOU TWO
SHOULD
JUST KISS
AND START
GOING OUT,
ALREADY!

...EVEN IF
HE MIGHT
HAVE BEEN
MY FIRST
LOVE, THIS
IS GOING
WAY TOO
FAST!

...
And what
about the
tradition?

AREN'T
YOU
HAPPY,
BENIO-
CHAN?

Huh?

I
MEAN...

I-I-I...



DON'T
MOVE...

ALL
RIGHT!
I'LL
DO
IT!



WHAT?



NO,
HE ISN'T
REALLY
GOING
TO...





WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
HERE?

YOU'RE
USING
YOUR
NINJA
SKILLS
AGAINST
ME!



DON'T
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
BEING A
LITTLE
RECKLESS?



DO
YOU STILL
THINK HE
WAS YOUR
FIRST
LOVE?



MY
MEMORIES
OF HIM
ARE REALLY
IMPORTANT
TO ME!

BUT I
GUESS
SOME
PLAYER
LIKE YOU
WOULDN'T
GET THAT.



JUST
FORGET
ABOUT IT,
ALREADY.

I CAN'T
JUST
FORGET
ABOUT
IT.



HE HAS...?

EVEN
I'VE HAD
SOMEONE
I REALLY
LIKED,
YOU
KNOW.



YOU
DAMN
PLAYER!

BLEH

Well,

EITHER
WAY,

I CAN
ONLY LET
A GUY HAVE
YOU IF HE'S
HOTTER
THAN
ME.

ANYWAY,
DO YOU
EVEN HAVE
ANY PROOF
THAT HE WAS
YOUR FIRST
LOVE YET?



BUT
THAT'S
NOT THE
ISSUE!

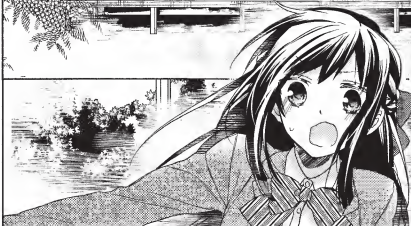


SINCE
I DON'T
HAVE ANY
PROOF...



...I'LL
JUST
ASK
NAOTO
DIRECTLY!

...
ALTHOUGH,
I DIDN'T
REALIZE
TAMAKI
HAD A
FIRST LOVE,
TOO.



NAOTO!



THERE'S
SOMETHING
I WANT TO
ASK YOU.



WHERE
WERE
YOU?
RAN AND
MOMOE
HAD TO GO
LOOKING
FOR YOU!

ACK!

...FIRST
LOVE?

FLICK

WERE
YOU...

?!
WHY'D
THE
POWER
JUST
GO
OUT?

...MY
...



KEEP
QUIET.

IS HE
AFTER A
KISS?

?!

COME
WITH ME,
BENIO
KASUGAMI.



HEY!

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
DOING?

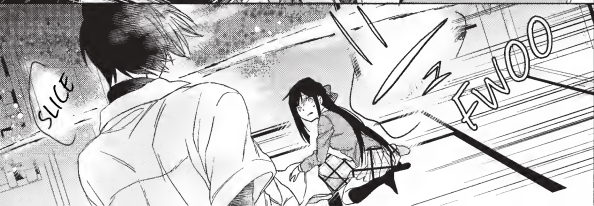


WHAT
THE HELL?!
THIS IS MY
HOUSE!

HOW
COULD
HE JUST
SNEAK
IN LIKE
THAT?









TAMAKI!

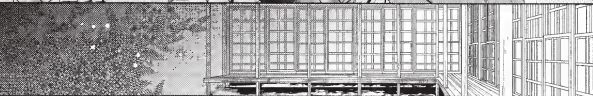
GET
AWAY
FROM
HER.

...

!

WAIT!

POOF





REALLY,
IT'S FINE.

SO
STOP
CRYING,
OKAY?



OH!

しゅしゅ...
WAH



FROM
NOW ON,
I'LL COME
CHECK
ON YOU
EVERY
DAY!

WHAT?!

IT'S MY
FAULT YOU
GOT HURT!
I'LL DO
ANYTHING
TO MAKE
IT UP TO
YOU.

OKAY?



GAH!
DAMN
IT!

...

CLASP

NAOTO?

MAYBE
I'M JUST
TOO SENTI-
MENTAL.



...DO
YOU
STILL
WANT
TO GO
OUT?



SO...



HUH?



**DO
YOU
STILL
WANT
TO GO
OUT?**

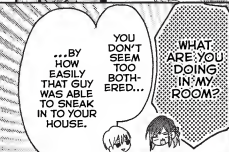
LEAF 3 ✕ **THE LADY AND HER FIRST LOVE? (PART 2)**





I DON'T
THINK
SO.

NAOTO
MUST HAVE
BEEN PINING
AFTER ME
THE WHOLE
TIME!



...BY
HOW
EASILY
THAT GUY
WAS ABLE
TO SNEAK
IN TO YOUR
HOUSE.

YOU
DON'T
SEEM
TOO
BORED...

...WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
IN MY
ROOM?



WHAT?!

IS
THIS
...

IS
THIS
...

...WHAT
IT'S LIKE
WHEN
SOMEONE
LIKES YOU
BACK?



HEY!

BENIO...

...I'M
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU.

CREAK

...ARE
YOU
REALLY
GOING TO
GO OUT
WITH
THAT
GUY?

TELL
ME...

HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN
ABOUT THE
TRADITION?

WHAT'S
YOUR
PROBLEM?

HMMPH

YOU
SHOULD
GIVE UP
ON HIM.

HE-
HEHE!
I GET
IT.

SINCE
NAOTO
WAS MY
FIRST
LOVE,

HE'S A
PROBLEM
FOR YOU.

BUT
DON'T
THINK
FOR A
SECOND
...

...THAT
I'M
GOING
TO LET
YOU GET
BETWEEN
US!

After all,

IF I
HAVE A
BOYFRIEND,
YOU'RE
OUT OF
A JOB!

HUHP

I'M GOING TO
GO OUT WITH
NAOTO AND
FINALLY HAVE
THE FUN I
DESERVE!

HELLO,
THERE!

Where
should we
go next??

高校文化祭
HIGH SCHOOL CULTURE FAIR



HANASHINO THREE-PANEL THEATER



He said no...

Uncle's so mean...





W-WAIT!



OH!
I'M SORRY!



WHY DON'T THEY MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS?

MAN, THOSE TWO...



DASH

THEY RAN AWAY!



Don't let go of my hand!



WHY NOT HOLD HANDS WHILE WE CHECK IT OUT?

THIS IS THE CULTURE FAIR!



I CAN BARELY CONTAIN MYSELF.



THIS IS SO FUN.

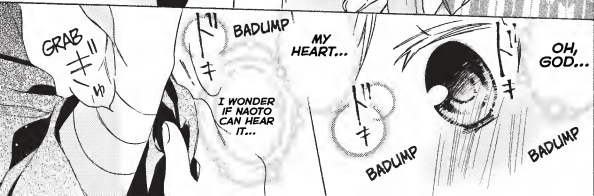
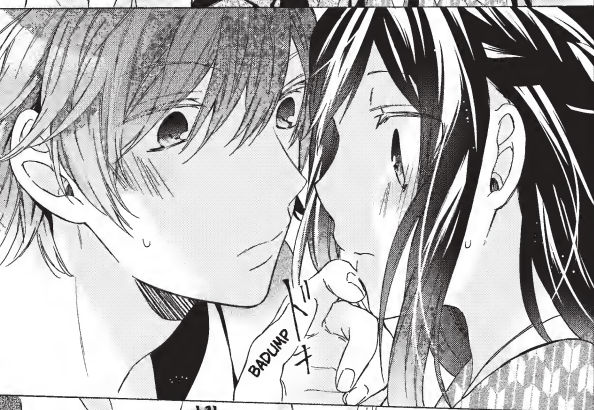


PLANETARIUM GRADE CLASS

Drum Club

Haunted House

Film Dos Nishigo Courtyard





...YOU
WERE
THERE TO
PROTECT
ME!

...BUT
I WAS
GLAD...

UH,
I'M
SORRY
ABOUT
YESTER-
DAY...

HUH?



I HAVE
TO ASK
HIM, FOR
REAL THIS
TIME.



...MY
FIRST
LOVE,
WEREN'T
YOU?



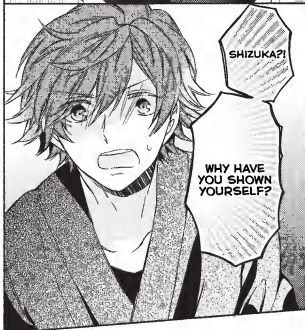
HEY,
NAOTO,
YOU
WERE...

HUH?





IT'S
THE SAME
GUY FROM
YESTERDAY!



SHIZUKA?

WHY HAVE
YOU SHOWN
YOURSELF?



GASP !

は？



MERELY A
TRICK...

...MY
LADY.





HE
COULDN'T
BE...

THIS
MAN
IS THE
HEAD
OF THE
OSAKA
FAMILY,

NAOTO
OSAKA-
SAMA.

HE'S
LYING...



ISN'T HE,
NAOTO?

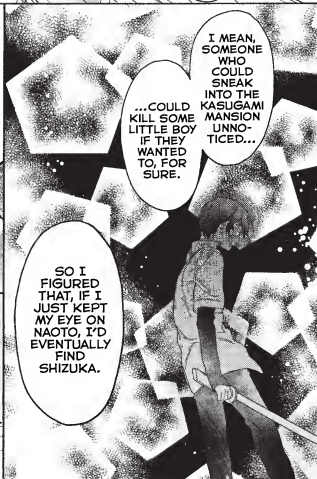


...BENIO.

SIGH

I'M
SORRY...











TAMAKI!!

YOU
MUST BE
QUITE
CONFIDENT!

SLASH

STAGGER

SLUMP

YOU WILL
BE DEAD
IN THREE
MINUTES.

HACK

PANT
PANT

THIS
BLADE IS
POISONED.





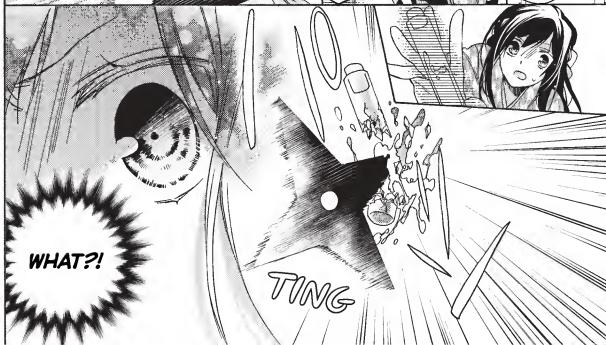
...SO GIVE
ME THAT
ANTIDOTE!

I'LL
GIVE
YOU MY
KISS, MY
FORTUNE,
OR
WHATEVER
ELSE YOU
WANT...



FWOO
JUST
GIVE
ME THE
ANTIDOTE!

THE
KASUGAMI
PRINCESS
IS AS BOLD
AS THEY
SAY.



WHAT?!

TING







IT'S
FOR THE
SAKE OF
OUR OB-
JECTIVE.

I...

I DIDN'T
WANT IT
TO BE
LIKE
THIS!



BESIDES,

HAVING
DIED FOR HIS
MASTER...

...THIS
NINJA HAS
ACCOM-
PLISHED
HIS
OBJECTIVE,
AS WELL.



OOOOOO!!



...THAT
I'D
THROW
TAMAKI'S
LIFE
AWAY
FOR
IT!

THERE'S
NOTHING
I CARE
ABOUT SO
MUCH...

WHAT
?!

DON'T
ACT SO
HIGH AND
MIGHTY.



THAT'S
THE
PROMISE
I MADE.

I WILL
HELP YOU
ACCOMPLISH
IT AT ANY
COST.

WE
HAVE A
PURPOSE
WE
CANNOT
FORSAKE.

...



I...

BLINK



DO YOU WANT ANYTHING MORE THAN TO RESTORE THE GLORY OF THE OSAKA FAMILY?

WELL, THEN ...



SORRY.

TIME'S
UP.

NAOTO!
LOOK
OUT!

NINPO
HELL'S COUNTER-ATTACK



H-HOW...
ARE YOU
STILL
ALIVE?

I WAS
JUST
PLAYING
DEAD.

SHIZUKAI!

CHILL
OUT.

I DIDN'T
KILL HIM.

IT WAS
FAKE.

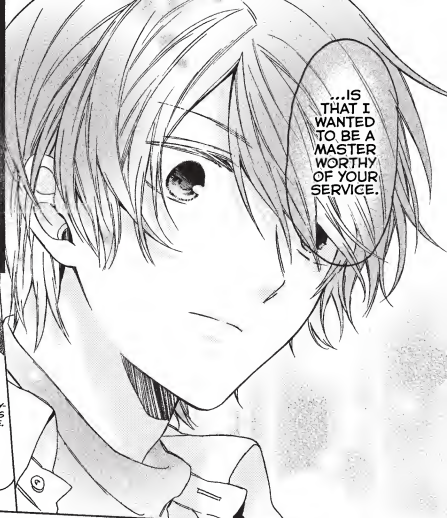
IT WAS
NOTHING
I HAVEN'T
BEEN
INOCULATED
AGAINST.

THUMP





WHEN
THE OSAKA
FAMILY WENT
BANKRUPT,
EVERYONE
LEFT.



...IS
THAT I
WANTED
TO BE A
MASTER
WORTHY
OF YOUR
SERVICE.



EVERY-
ONE'S
GONE.

WHATEVER,
I GUESS
YOU'LL
LEAVE
ME, TOO.
RIGHT,
SHIZUKA?

NO,
LITTLE
BOY.



I'LL
STAY
BY YOUR
SIDE, NO
MATTER
WHAT.

YOU
CAN
RESTORE
YOUR
FAMILY'S
GLORY
SOMEDAY.



I WAS
SO HAPPY.



I WANTED
TO REPAY YOU,
WHATEVER IT
TOOK.

BUT...

THERE'S
NOTHING
I CARE
ABOUT SO
MUCH THAT
I'D THROW
TAMAKI'S
LIFE AWAY
FOR IT!



I'VE
PUSHED
YOU TOO
FAR...

NOTHING
IS WORTH
ALL THIS
FIGHTING.

YOU'RE
ALL I
NEED,
SHIZUKA.



EVEN
IF HE
IS A
PITIFUL
ONE...

SHUT
UP!

...I HAVE
ONLY ONE
MASTER.

WORTHY
OR NOT...

WHAT
NONSENSE
IS THIS?

IT'S
EMBAR-
RASSING.



THAT'S
THE
SECOND
ONE
TODAY.

OW!

OOF!

SMACK

I GUESS
WE CAN'T
REALLY BE
FRIENDS
ANMORE.

BENIO,
I'M SO
SORRY.



I GUESS
WE'RE
ABOUT
EVEN
NOW.

CONSID-
ERING
THOSE
DELICIOUS
CRÊPES
YOU
BOUGHT
ME.



I'M
GLAD
EVERYTHING
TURNED
OUT ALL
RIGHT.

LOOKS
LIKE THE
AFTER-
PARTY
HAS
STARTED.



"NAOTO WAS MY FIRST LOVE!"

God,
YOU'RE ALWAYS LIKE,

YEAH,
THAT WAS REALLY
TOO BAD,
HUH?

Sigh...
BUT
MAYBE
I'M JUST
NOT CUT
OUT FOR
LOVE.

I MEAN,
THINGS
DIDN'T
EVEN WORK
OUT WITH
NAOTO,
DESPITE
OUR
HISTORY.

NO
MATTER
HOW
MUCH I
TELL YOU
OTHER-
WISE.

BUT...

...SOMEDAY,
YOU
REALLY
WILL FIND
LOVE...

AND,
TILL
THEN,
I'LL BE
HERE TO
PROTECT
YOU.



...



BENIO?
WHAT'S
UP?

YOU
SAY
YOU'LL
PROTECT
ME...

HE'S
SO
WARM...



YOU
ASS!

I KNOW
I REALLY
LIKE
HAVING
THAT KIND
OF JOB
SECURITY!



PLEASE,
DON'T DIE
ON ME.

DON'T
THINK
I DON'T
CARE
WHAT
HAPPENS
TO YOU.

...BUT
WHO'S
GOING TO
PROTECT
YOU?



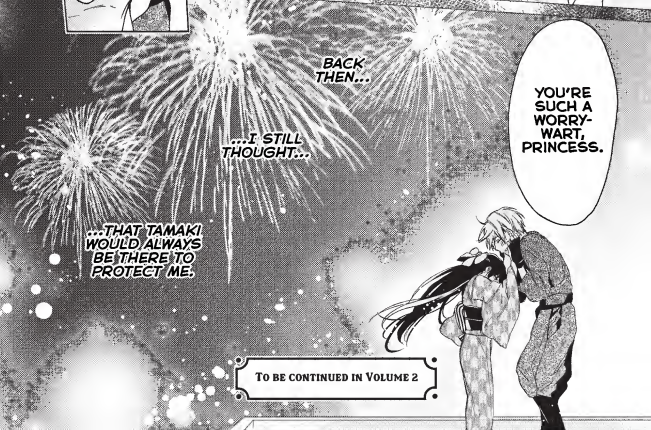
Sob,
hic...



I'M
SO
GLAD
YOU'RE
ALIVE!



JEEZ
...



BACK
THEN...

...I STILL
THOUGHT...

...THAT TAMAKI
WOULD ALWAYS
BE THERE TO
PROTECT ME.

YOU'RE
SUCH A
WORRY-
WART,
PRINCESS.



TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 2

IN THE NEXT VOLUME...

COULD IT BE TAMAKI'S
EX-GIRLFRIEND?!

ARE
YOU
WORRIED
ABOUT
WHO
TAMAKI
LIKES?

WHY
IS
THAT?

THE LADY AND HER NINJA GET A LOT CLOSER!

BUT WHAT WILL BECOME
OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP?

...PLEASE
...

...FORGET
ANY OF
THIS EVER
HAPPENED.

JUST...

PREPARE FOR EVEN MORE EXCITEMENT!



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